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1. About 19 miles south of TBILISI (44°45'E/41°43'N), a secondary road branched off to the south from the asphalt highway to LUKSEMBURG (44°30'E/41°36'N). An airfield of at least 250 acres was located in this road fork. The terrain rose rather steeply to the west and northwest. The TBILISI-YEREVAN (44°30'E/40°41'N) railroad line was east of the field. A village was northeast of the field. Hedges along the field border restricted the view.

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2. Judging from the clouds of dust raised by landing and taking off aircraft, the surface of the field was of rolled dirt. Semi-underground hangars and presumably the quarters of the ground personnel were located in the eastern field corner. Half-dug-in fuel containers were observed at the southern side. Airfield lights, radio, and navigational installations were not observed.

3. The following buildings were located north of the airfield and highway:

PW camp
Cantonment quarters
Cantonment dispensary
2 administration buildings of the pilot school (attended by over 100 men, Russians, Dagestans, and Latvians)
3 officers' billets (about 165 x 50 feet each) under construction.

4. Ten to twenty trainers were stationed at the field. There was intensive flight training in the morning (take-offs and landings). Night flying was not observed.

5. Formations of 9 multi-engine aircraft were seen three or four times approaching from the east and dropping live bombs in the mountains nearby, the detonations being heard in the camp.

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